

## HARRIMAN HAS IMPROVED

ASSERTED AND DENIED THAT HE WAS OPERATED ON.

Business Associate Says That a Cancerous Growth Was Removed on Tuesday—Several Doctors Have Seen at Arden and Oxygen Is Being Used.

TURNER, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Edward H. Harriman's condition seems on the whole to show some improvement from the crisis of Tuesday. A brief statement was issued from the house in the morning, and notwithstanding its noncommittal character, taken in the light of reports gathered elsewhere, it pointed to a certain degree of encouragement.

All statements from Mr. Harriman's friends were most guarded and nobody seemed willing to put himself definitely on record as vouching for a long stride forward.

Mr. Harriman, according to all sources of information, is far from having regained the ground lost Sunday and yesterday. The statement of Dr. William Gordon Lyle, scribbled across the back of a note asking for news, had it that "Mr. Harriman is better to-day." That was all there was to it and gave no more than the assurance that his patient had stood up under the shocks which he sustained early in the week.

Oxygen is being used in an effort to stimulate the activity of Mr. Harriman's heart, and to-night two men, supposedly physicians, were hurried to Arden House in the Harriman automobile.

The Rev. J. Holmes McGuinness, rector of the parish which includes Arden, Chester and Monroe, who spoke optimistically and at some length in the early stage of Mr. Harriman's illness, was a visitor on Tower Hill to-day. Somebody asked him how he found Mr. Harriman.

"I don't want to say anything," he said. He was told that Dr. Lyle had made a statement to the effect that Mr. Harriman was better.

"Is that so?" he said. "Then you can quote me as saying that Mr. Harriman is improved."

Mr. Harriman's sister, Mrs. Mary Simons, was not at her home to-day when a young man called upon her. It was said that she had gone up to Arden House.

"Does that mean," was the inquiry, "that Mr. Harriman is worse and that Mrs. Simons' attendance was asked on that account?"

"Not at all," was the reply. "On the contrary, it means that the reports are most encouraging."

The report that Mr. Harriman was operated on yesterday for a cancerous growth was repeated in Turner from Wall Street. While it is known that there was an extra corps of physicians at Arden House until early in the evening on that day the report is not credited here. No definite denial was obtained from Tower Hill, but the absence of such assurance is not to be wondered at. Charles T. Ford, the superintendent of Mr. Harriman's estate, who is closely in touch with the goings on at Arden House, denied it emphatically. "There is not a word of truth in it," he said.

He was asked how he thought Mr. Harriman was getting along. "I haven't seen him since Friday," he answered, "but I know he talked to some of the stenographers on Saturday."

Mr. Ford said that Mr. Harriman had not been out since Sunday, but that he hadn't been confined to his bed all the time since then.

"As to the operation," Mr. Ford went on, "if there had been one I probably would have heard of it. I can say that if I were put on my oath I would swear that I didn't believe it."

Mr. Ford was questioned about two empty oxygen tanks which were in the station at Arden to-day awaiting shipment back to New York. "These are going back to be refilled," he said. The tanks were labelled "oxygen for medicinal purposes," and a full tank is on Tower Hill to-night. Mr. Ford admitted that several doctors were at Arden House on Tuesday.

At Tuxedo, two stations below Arden, it was learned that a special train carrying the physicians reached there early on Tuesday morning and the passengers were run up to the summit of Tower Hill by automobile. Mr. Ford said that they were gone again after midnight.

A Tuxedo chauffeur told the newspaper man to-day with some pride that he had carried a package of medicine from Tuxedo to Arden House at midnight in nine minutes. He said the summons was urgent.

At 8:00 o'clock this evening the Harriman automobile met an Erie express train at Turner. Two men got off, each with a hand satchel. Aboard the train they were reported to be physicians. The train was held for them at Jersey City ten minutes beyond the scheduled hour of departure. At Turner one of them was asked how Mr. Harriman was.

"I don't know anything yet," said he, emphasizing the last word. That was as much as he would say.

Those who came down the hill to-day said that the atmosphere about Arden House was not happy. Mr. Harriman was not seen all day and Mrs. Harriman was not in evidence. The rest of the family kept pretty quiet.

A business associate of Mr. Harriman said yesterday that Mr. Harriman had been operated on on Tuesday for the removal of a cancerous growth. This man added:

"Mr. Harriman was in a weakened condition at the time of the operation, and in spite of reports of his improvement he is to-day in a dangerous condition. The reason no bulletins are coming out of the Union Pacific's offices is that no favorable news can be given out. Judge Lovett and Mr. Tegethoff would, I fancy, be among the first to make public any favorable turn in Mr. Harriman's case."

This man was unable to give the name of the surgeon who performed the operation and he had not been informed as to the nature of the cancerous growth for which the operation was considered necessary. It was reported some time ago that Mr. Harriman was suffering from cancer of the stomach, but this

## AMAZING TARGET SHOOTING

GUNNERS SO ACCURATE THAT MARKS ARE DESTROYED.

Fleet Has to Wait for New Targets—Dis-mantled Torpedo Boats Towel Away Sinking—The Vermont Leads in Battle Practice; the Louisiana Second.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Information from the Atlantic fleet engaged in open sea target practice at the anchorage ground off Cape Henry is to the effect that it will not be completed for about ten days. The delay is due to the amazing marksmanship of the gun pointers, the men who train the guns on the targets and do the firing. The reason for the delay is because the fleet has no targets with which to continue its work; the aim of the pointers having been so accurate that the targets have practically been destroyed and there is nothing to shoot at.

Three of the targets have been destroyed entirely and sent to Davy Jones's locker. The two dismantled torpedo boats, O'Brien and Nicholson, have been towed in a sinking condition to the Norfolk Navy Yard to be fixed up after being docked. One of the target barges has also been dismantled and will have to be repaired. Not until the various targets come back can the work of battle practice go on, and meantime those ships of the fleet which have not concluded their preliminary record day and night practice are at work, while the others are making time.

The results of battle practice have been far more successful than was anticipated. While the figures are being kept confidential it is known that the battleship Vermont is in the lead and will probably repeat her performance of last November in Manila Bay, when she won the battle practice pennant.

In the record practice by means of which gun pointers are qualified some remarkable scores were made. The Louisiana and New Hampshire are tied, which will mean handsome money returns in prizes for the crews. At one of the Louisiana's targets a record of 100 per cent. was made, something unknown before in the navy. The Louisiana also will be second in the battle practice.

For the first time moving pictures have been taken of the splashes of shots. This has been found necessary, especially where the targets have been shot away. This occurred last fall in Manila Bay when the number of hits had to be estimated both for the Vermont and the New Jersey.

At that time there was some speculation as to which had won, but the observers out on the line gave the decision to the Vermont. By means of the moving pictures the landing places of the shots are fixed accurately.

Another innovation this year has been in moving targets, and this with the fact that the shooting is done on the open sea, with the heaving of the waves to contend with, makes the remarkable records already achieved still more wonderful.

## NEW GOVERNOR OF CANAL ZONE

Geothals Here Possibly to Advise Concerning Blackburn's Successor.

Lieut.-Col. George W. Geothals, chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, arrived last evening by the Hamburg-American liner Prinz August Wilhelm, from Colon, to spend several weeks vacation and incidentally to talk with President Taft about the appointment of a successor to the Civil Governor of the Canal Zone, J. C. S. Blackburn, former Senator from Kentucky, who it is said is about to retire.

Col. Geothals said that everything was going along splendidly along the line of the canal; in fact, he could not see how the work could be done better. In regard to the controversy about the sea level and lock systems he said:

"I once believed in the sea level scheme, but I was converted to the lock system after I saw the conditions. One hindrance to the sea level plan would be the floods in the Chagres River that pile dirt and sand high."

Col. Geothals said he was much interested in the question of who was going to succeed Gov. Blackburn as head of the civil government of the Zone. The new Governor should be interested in the building of the canal and must make an effort to understand the attitude of the engineers. The question of the appointment was a question of friction or harmony in the Canal Zone.

Other passengers by the Prinz August Wilhelm were Ramon M. Valdes, secretary of the Government of Panama, who is here to represent his country at the Hudson-Fulton celebration; Col. W. P. Burnham and Capt. D. F. Craig.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A despatch from the Isthmus of Panama last Monday said that Gov. Blackburn intended to resign, and hinted that friction with other canal authorities was the cause. The official here said they knew nothing about the report. Later on word came from the Isthmus that Mr. Blackburn intended to retire on account of ill health, but there was no authoritative statement on the subject.

## THE WILL OF A POET.

Bloodgood Cutter Left Large Bequest to Bible Society.

An accounting of the will of Bloodgood H. Cutter, the farmer poet, and one of the "Innocents" who sailed with Mark Twain on the Quaker City, was filed yesterday with the Surrogate of Nassau county in Mineola, L. I. Mr. Cutter died a year ago.

The accounting places the value of the Cutter estate at \$900,000. Out of this amount the American Bible Society, which is the largest beneficiary under the will, receives \$654,284.96.

A favorite nephew, John Cutter of Bowdoinham, Me., received the Cutter farm at Little Neck, which has been sold for \$200,000 since Mr. Cutter's death. There were other small bequests.

## GIFT FROM MRS. SAGE.

She Sends Check for \$10,000 to First Presbyterian Church of Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Russell Sage celebrated her eightieth birthday to-day by sending a check for \$10,000 to the First Presbyterian Church in this city. Mrs. Sage was once a Syracusean. She was born here, was a school teacher here in her early womanhood, and was the daughter of Joseph Slocom, a charter member and a founder of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. George B. Spaulding, pastor of the church, made the announcement to-day. He said:

"Mrs. Sage reaches her eightieth year to-day. Her father and mother were members, and she herself was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, her father, Joseph Slocom, being a charter member and trustee of the church. Mrs. Sage was a devoted member of the church and in her ever continued kindly feeling toward the church, sent this morning to the treasurer of the church her check for \$10,000, to be expended as the church shall judge best."

In a letter to Charles A. Hudson, treasurer of the church, Mrs. Sage said the gift was in tender remembrance of her parents' church and an expression of her own continued interest in the church. She had previously made smaller gifts to the church in addition to \$30,000 of memorial windows.

## OCEAN BEAR SPRING WATER.

To Refresh and Make it Famous.

## BRAZANZA'S WEDDING GIFT.

Feather of Diamonds and Sapphires a Heirloom of Portuguese House.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 8.—The wedding gift of Prince Miguel of Braganza to his bride-elect, Miss Anita Stewart, is a magnificent cluster of diamonds and sapphires in the shape of a feather. It has been a family treasure of the royal house of Austria for more than two centuries.

Its last owner was the Empress Elizabeth, who bequeathed it to Prince Miguel. Miss Stewart will wear it at her wedding day with a clasp of orange blossoms in her hair.

Prince Miguel has declared that he will never assume any title which his wife cannot equally claim. After the wedding the couple will be known in Vienna as the Duke and Duchess of Vizer.

## CRAZY MAN SWIMS HELL GATE.

Graft of Ward's Island Lands at Astoria in Birthday Suit.

John Graft, 34 years old, an inmate of the insane asylum on Ward's Island, escaped from custody yesterday afternoon, and throwing off his clothes struck out across Hell Gate. The current at this point is very strong, but Graft got across all right, landing at the foot of Halsey street, Astoria.

Graft as soon as he got ashore started up the street, yelling as he went. After a long, stern chase Policeman McHugh captured the runner and took him to the Astoria police station.

Graft seemed none the worse for his bath.

## MORE GIFTS FROM JARVIE.

Endows New Jersey Institutions on His Wedding Day.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Sept. 8.—The Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, the Mountaineer Hospital here, the Job Haines Home for the Aged and the German Theological School are to benefit by the recent wedding of James N. Jarvis of this place. The church is to get bonds to the amount of \$2,000, the income of which is to be used for the maintenance of the Jarvis Memorial Library Building, which Mr. Jarvis presented to the church as a memorial to his father and mother.

The Mountaineer Hospital is to get \$25,000, the Job Haines Home for the Aged \$25,000 and the German Theological School \$20,000.

The gifts are all in bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. They were made known to the officers of the various institutions in letters dated August 25, when Mr. Jarvis was married to Miss Helen Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis are now travelling in Europe.

## MISS DRESSLER IN CONTEMPT.

Actress Failed to Appear in Supplemental Proceedings—Execution Issued.

MARIE Dressler, the actress, failed to obey an order to appear before Judge John J. La Follette yesterday afternoon to be examined in supplemental proceedings and was accordingly adjudged in contempt. The order was obtained by Louis Boehm, counsel for Henry L. Buder, who got a judgment for \$115 against the actress. An execution was issued and Deputy Sheriff Cruise returned it unsatisfied.

Mr. Boehm said yesterday that he would move to have Miss Dressler punished for contempt unless she is stayed by an order of the United States Court as the judge of the petition in bankruptcy she filed last week.

Miss Dressler is playing an engagement at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week.

## LOST IN THE NORTH WOODS.

Bloodhounds Used to Find Passenger Who Stepped Off a Train at Fulton Chain.

UTICA, Sept. 8.—This afternoon two bloodhounds owned by the Central Hudson Railroad and maintained in this city for use in running down car thieves were taken to Fulton Chain in the Adirondacks to aid in locating a passenger who stepped from a train at that station two days ago and became lost in the woods. The identity of the man has not been ascertained, but from papers found in his satchel, it is surmised he is a New Yorker on route from Montreal to the metropolis.

Searching parties have scoured the woods between Fulton Chain and Clearwater during the last thirty-six hours, but no trace of the missing stranger has been found. In the hope that the bloodhounds would be able to obtain a scent from the satchel and thus follow the man's route through the forest the railroad company sent its dogs to Fulton Chain this afternoon.

It is not known how the missing traveler had procured himself with food, and unless he is speedily found he may succumb to exposure and starvation.

## LETTER FROM COL. ROOSEVELT.

He Asks the Fish Commission to Forward Black Bass to Stock Lake Nairobi.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A letter was received at the office of the Fish Commission to-day from Col. Theodore Roosevelt asking that a consignment of black bass be forwarded to the British officials at Nairobi to be placed in Lake Nairobi in east Africa. Col. Roosevelt said that he had received many courtesies at the hands of the British officials in Africa, some of whom approached him with a request that he use his good offices with the American Fish Commission to secure for them black bass, with which it is desired to stock the lake. He said he would appreciate it if the bass were forwarded as desired. Just how many fish the British officials want is not made clear in Col. Roosevelt's letter, which was addressed to Commissioner Bowers personally. The distinguished hunter's request will be granted.

## FLIES OVER LAKE ONTARIO.

C. F. Willard Takes His New Aeroplane Out for a Trial.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 8.—C. F. Willard, the New York aviator, made a successful flight in his aeroplane, the Golden Flier, at Toronto yesterday. He left the ground at 8:45 P. M., flew straight out over Lake Ontario, went three-quarters of a mile, made a wide circle and returned landing in a few feet of water at Scarborough Park.

The flight occupied five minutes. The machine was not damaged in alighting. Other tests will be made this week.

## A WHITE PERFECT GEM DIAMOND.

Taken from the Hand of a Thief—Estimated at \$100,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—A brilliant white perfect gem diamond, estimated at \$100,000, was taken from the hand of a thief yesterday. The diamond was found in the possession of a man who had been arrested for stealing a watch.

## TO RELIEVE SUMMER EXHAUSTION.

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## PEARY TELLS OF

DASH TO POLE

Sledge Journey Took 40 Days, Delays by Open Water Included

THE RECORD DAY BY DAY

Prof. Ross G. Marvin Drowned on April 10—All the Rest Safe and Well

## CORNELL METEOROLOGIST WAS HEADING A

Supporting Party 45 Miles North of Cape Columbia When Disaster Occurred—Had Been to 86 Degrees North—Pole Was Reached on April 6 and Return March Was Begun the Next Day and Consumed Only 20 Days—Marvellously Rapid Journeys Were Hampered Only by Open Leads in the Ice Which Held Up the Party Moving North for Several Days.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Times publishes this morning the following message from Commander Peary, dated Battle Harbor, via wireless to Cape Ray, September 8:

"As it may be impossible to get my full story through in time for to-morrow's Times, partly as a prelude which may stimulate interest and partly to forestall possible leaks I am sending you a brief summary of my voyage, which is to be printed exactly as it is written."

"The Roosevelt left New York July 6, 1908. She left Sydney July 17; arrived at Cape York, Greenland, August 1; left Etah, Greenland, August 8; arrived at Cape Sheridan, Grant Land, September 1, and wintered at Cape Sheridan."

"The sledge expedition left the Roosevelt February 15, 1909, and started north of Cape Columbia March 1."

"It passed the British record on March 2; was delayed by open water March 2 and 3; was held up by open water from March 4 to March 11; crossed the 84th parallel March 11 and encountered an open lead March 15; crossed the 85th parallel March 18; crossed the 86th parallel March 22, and encountered an open lead March 23; passed the Norwegian record March 23; passed the Italian record March 24 and encountered an open lead March 26; crossed the eighty-seventh parallel March 27; passed the American record March 28, and encountered a lead March 28; held up by open water March 28; crossed the 88th parallel April 2; crossed the 89th parallel April 4, and reached the north pole April 6."

"On returning we left the pole April 7, reached Camp Columbia April 27, arriving on board the Roosevelt April 27. The Roosevelt left Cape Sheridan July 18, passed Cape Sabine August 8, left Cape York August 26 and arrived at Indian Harbor."

"All the members of the expedition are returning in good health except Prof. Ross G. Marvin, who, unfortunately, was drowned on April 10, forty-five miles north of Cape Columbia while returning from 86 degrees north latitude in command of a supporting party."

## ROSS GILMORE MARTIN.

Young Cornell Professor Who Lost His Life Had Trouble Getting Leave.

Ross Gilmore Martin was a professor in the civil engineering department of Cornell University. He was with the Peary expedition on a leave of absence. He was the meteorologist of the expedition.

Prof. Martin had been trained by Dr. William M. Wilson, head of the weather department at Cornell. He had considerable difficulty in getting a leave of absence from the Cornell authorities, but they finally gave in after Commander Peary had urged them.

Prof. Martin also was an expert navigator and a naturalist. He accompanied Peary on his last trip before this and did valuable reconnoitering while the Roosevelt was in winter quarters at Cape Sheridan.

Prof. Martin's home is in Elmira. He was a graduate of Cornell. He was a young man in his twenties and was regarded as having a brilliant scientific career ahead of him.

## TWINS FALL, ONE ESCAPES.

Girl Strikes Ground and Dies, but Boy Lands on Fire Escape.

Emily and Charles Taylor, three-year-old twins, fell from the fire escape on the fourth floor at 80 Madison street yesterday while their mother, Mrs. Sophia Taylor, was preparing a meal. The little girl fell farthest to the ground and died in Gouverneur Hospital of her injuries. The boy struck a slanting ladder and caught on the balcony of the fire escape on the third floor. He was taken to the hospital, but was not seriously injured.

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## PEARY DENIES

COOK'S STORY

Wires That Cook's Eskimos Say He Didn't Reach the Pole

SHOT FROM INDIAN HARBOR

"Have Him Nailed" the Pole Finder Tells Mrs. Peary in Despatch

## THE ROOSEVELT WITH PEARY AND HIS PARTY

On Board Reached Battle Harbor Yesterday—Blame Sablon the Next Step for 50 Tons of Coal—Was in North Sydney on Saturday, When Explorer's Wife Will Join Him—War of the North Pole Insanuated by the Messages Attacking Cook's Version—Sides Lined Up for Hot Conflict—The Breakup Doctor's Story and That of His Backers Contrasted

The following wireless and telegraphic despatch, dated Indian Harbor, Labrador, was received in New York yesterday by Melville E. Stone:

"I have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the north pole. This is authoritative and correct."

"Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no distance north and not out of sight of land."

"Other members of the tribe corroborate their story."

ROBERT E. PEARY, Commander U. S. N.

At South Harpwell, Me., Mrs. Robert E. Peary, the explorer's wife, received yesterday the following message by wireless and telegraph from Indian Harbor:

"Good morning. Delayed here by mail. Don't let Cook's story worry you. Have him nailed."

A second despatch reached her at Portland which read thus:

"Delayed by gale. Don't worry about Cook. Eskimos say Cook never left sight of land. Tribe confirms. Meet me at Sydney."

Bert, of course, is Commander Peary. Late last evening a despatch to THE SUN via Point Amour, Quebec, said that the Roosevelt, with Commander Peary on board, was still at Battle Harbor, on the coast of Labrador. She had arrived there at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Battle Harbor is thirty miles north of Chateau Bay, where the Roosevelt was originally expected to put in after leaving Indian Harbor.

St. JOHN'S, N. F., via North Sydney, Sept. 8.—Peary's steamship was sighted off Battle Harbor about 10 o'clock this morning. The Roosevelt is making only about six knots. She has been twice the time getting this distance that Peary first estimated, but probably had to harbor Monday night owing to adverse weather.

A wireless message caught at St. John's, Newfoundland, and forwarded by land line and cable, reads: "Roosevelt left Smoky Tickle this morning for Battle Harbor to coal, a distance of forty-five miles."

Gov. Williams has wired invitation Peary to visit St. John's.